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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair House Committee on Appropriations United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am respectfully requesting funding for a Rural Community Health Clinic for Cottage Grove, Oregon, in Fiscal Year 2022, in the amount of \$1.5 million within the Committee's Community Project Funding effort.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Lane County, Oregon, located at 125 East 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401. The proposed Rural Community Health Clinic will be located at 1275 South River Road, Cottage Grove, Oregon 97424.

The purpose of this project is to establish a Federally Qualified Health Center in Cottage Grove to better serve this community. South Lane County is designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area for primary and dental care. The proposed area to be served includes two of Oregon's highest need primary care service areas as identified by the Oregon Office of Rural Health. This clinic will play a major role in providing access to comprehensive primary care, reproductive health, integrated behavioral health, and full service oral health services for children and adults. Patient-centered primary care teams will also address social determinants of health such as transportation, housing, medication assistance, and care coordination. The clinic will provide access to 5,000 patients and will employ more than 22 individuals when fully staffed. The clinic will also provide medical career and technical education in partnership with the South Lane School District and Lane Community College.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Peter A. DeFazio Member of Congress